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PROSPERITY SEEN RIGHT AHEAD FOR U. S. INDUSTRIES

Reuperation of Business
From Dull Period Is
Coming Fast

FUTURE VERY BRIGHT

Traffic Improvements and
Price Reductions Help
to Hasten Change

TO LOWER TRADE TAXES

Reveal All Ready for Very
Busy Industrial Year
in 1922

Clear Road Ahead.
American business has struck
clear of the depression and is
again on the high road to pros-
perity.

This is the cheerful message
which Joseph H. DeFrees, president
of the chamber of commerce of
the United States, gives to the
business men of America
through the International News
Service as the old year wanes
and the new year dawns.
American business, he says, "is
gathering strength."

BY JOSEPH DEFREES,
President of the Chamber of Commerce of
the United States.

(Written for International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Men
draw different interpretations from
the facts that appear in the business
situation which has been so
uncertain of late. My own con-
ception of present economic con-
ditions in the United States is that
business "is gathering strength."

To my mind evidence multiplies
that the elements of weakness
which characterized the situation a
year ago have run their course in
large degree and that we are now
in a period of business rehabilita-
tion with many of the causes of
unsoundness eliminated. However
improbable events have been, they
have served to bring the country
even to fundamentals and to dis-
close once more the great basis of
economic power we have for a fresh
start.

Shock of Price Decline Easy.

In 12 or 18 months we have
witnessed with remarkable success
the shock of price declines such as
no other country has had yet to
undergo and we are now in the
position of having gone farthest to-
ward wiping out the artificial fea-
tures of our situation left by the
war. All of this has been accom-
plished without resort to emergency
measures. There has been a
demonstration of American courage
and of the strength of economic
structure.

To any general statement regard-
ing the economic status of the
country, there must necessarily be
individual exceptions. Readjust-
ments in certain fields will un-
doubtedly continue. In the case of
railroad revenues and rates, definite
organization of the industry exists
with them. In other prob-
lems, like taxation, a beginning has
been made and there is promise of
some progress yet to come. De-
velopments in these problems and in
others of readjustment will speed
the restoration of economic relation-
ships among raw materials and fin-
ished products, between costs of pro-
duction and costs of retail sale.
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TRAIN LEAVES TRACK

Which Had Been Tamped With
Officials of the Pennsylvania
Line Believes

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Scores of
passengers narrowly escaped injury
and possible death when the engine
and two cars of the crack "Merican
Express" left the Pennsylvania line
and dived into the tracks and went
into a ditch near Buffington, Ind.,
today, according to word re-
ceived here. The train was east-
bound and left Chicago late last
night.

According to reports to Pennsylv-
ania, the engine and two cars
were off the track. Cars con-
taining passengers were not de-
tached.

Railroad officials here expressed
the belief that a switch had been
tamped with and that this caused
the wreck.

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two cars left the track. Cars con-
taining passengers were not de-
tached.

Spencer Sees Success for Truman Newberry

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 24.—Truman
Newberry will be seated as United
States senator from Michigan, de-
clared Senator Spencer of Missouri,
who arrived here from Washington
to spend Christmas at his home.

The appeal of Senator Kenyon
to succeed Newberry will not have
any effect on the senate's action,
said Spencer.

It is a fact that too much money
was spent in Newberry's campaign,
but Newberry did not know any-
thing about it, added Spencer.

STANLEY & MCNEE
212 Broadway, 2nd & Boulder, Phone
4-1211-1212. Ambulance service—4-1211.

Gypsy King on Death Bed Kept Awake by Clan

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 24.—Two hundred sons and daughters
of Romania are here to honor
their dead king, Joseph Eli, 51
years, said to have been the
wealthiest gypsy leader in the
world, who died shortly after
midnight amid the wails and
death songs of bepanopied king-
women in a hall at 3515 St. An-
toine.

Operations were performed in a
vain attempt to save the life of
the leader. Because of their be-
lief that a patient will die after
an operation if he fails asleep,
the gypsies kept the stricken king
awake for two days until the
hospital authorities were forced to
send all but his brother, Peter
Eli, heir to the throne. When it
was announced that the king was
dying, Peter, heir to the gypsy
throne, gave orders for his re-
moval to the home which the
tribal leaders had rented.

IOWAN IS ROBBED AND LEFT TO DIE

Wealthy Iowa Inventor Is
Kidnaped, Stripped of
Belongings, Beaten

WAS SOON TO WED

Des Moines Man Had Come to
Chicago for Wedding;
Others Robbed

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Archibald C.
Buth, a wealthy inventor of Des
Moines, Iowa, is in a serious con-
dition in a hospital here today as the
result of being kidnaped, beaten,
robbed and left for several hours
exposed to frigid weather in the
company of his automobile. His skull
is believed to be badly injured and
he suffered greatly from exposure.

Buth was one of three men and
a woman who were robbed during
the night by kidnaping bandits. Pol-
ice are seeking two gang leaders
to have been responsible for the
crime. The other victims of the band-
its were Mr. and Mrs. John A. Mc-
Gee, manufacturer, and John G.
Allen, a business associate of Mc-
Gee's.

Buth, who came to Chicago re-
cently to prepare for his forthcom-
ing wedding, Elizabeth Hall, who
was stopped by two men while
driving his automobile. The men
claimed to be detectives and ordered
him to drive to a police station to
explain his Iowa license.

After driving considerable dis-
tance, the men produced revolvers,
compelled Buth to drive to a prairie
on the western outskirts of the city,
where they beat him, bound him with
ropes and chains and robbed him.
Several hours later a workman
found Buth unconscious in the ton-
neau of his car and summoned aid.

Mr. and Mrs. McGee, who are
guests at a local hotel, had driven
to a south side address to meet Al-
len, who is McGee's Chicago rep-
resentative. After meeting Allen,
they were driving to the home of
Charles Ackerson, when five men
halted the car. They accused Mc-
Gee of being a booze runner and
compelled him to drive his car into
a ditch. Then McGee and his wife
and Allen were robbed of about
\$800 in money and jewelry. Mrs.
McGee saved several valuable dia-
monds by hiding them in her mouth.

Insane Woman Shoots Husband, Kills Himself

LONG BEACH, Cal., Dec. 24.—
Jewell Thomas Connolly, 52 years
old, said to have been a prominent
banker and farmer of Lockhart,
Texas, was shot and killed here to-
day by his wife, who then turned
her revolver on herself, dying almost
instantly of self-inflicted wounds, ac-
cording to reports to the police.

Connolly, it was said, arrived last
night to spend Christmas with his
family. Today when he was alone,
he was taking a nap when Mrs.
Connolly seized a revolver and
shot him through the temple.

Mrs. Connolly, who was said to
have undergone an operation some-
time ago, was believed to have been
mentally deranged, the police said.

Courthouse Guarded as Murder Trial Is Held

DEDHAM, Mass., Dec. 24.—Mem-
bers of the state constabulary
guarded the superior courthouse
here today when Judge Webster
Thayer was hearing a motion for a
new trial for Nicola Sacco and Bar-
tolomeo Vanzetti, convicted of mur-
der and robbing a Braintree pay-
master and his guard. All those en-
tering the courthouse not officially
connected with the case, was
searched for weapons.

Some Christmas Gift

DETROIT, Dec. 24.—A cut in
price of ten models of type 61
Cadillac motor cars, ranging from
a reduction of \$790 on the tour-
ing car to \$940 on the suburban
car was announced by that com-
pany tonight. These prices are ef-
fective as of January 1.

STORM TAKES BIG TOLL IN DASH UP THE MISSISSIPPI

Portion of Three States
Swept by Wind; 36
Known Dead

PROPERTY LOSS IS BIG

Small Towns and Ranches
Along "Father of Waters"
Laid to Waste

COLD WAVE HITS NATION

Temperature Drops Sharply
Throughout Central and
Southern States

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—A
storm which last night and early to-
day swept on both sides of the lower
Mississippi river, took a toll of 36
persons and injured more than 100 per-
sons, according to the reports reach-
ing here. The storm first struck in
eastern Arkansas and continuing
southward, passed through north-
west Mississippi and northeast
Louisiana, sweeping a number of
plantations and small farming com-
munities.

Reports from Monroe, La., an-
nounced the death of a woman, the
wife of Spencer, in Union parish on
the Monroe and Little Rock high-
way, with the loss of seven persons
killed and 25 injured. Two plan-
tations in the neighboring parish of
Morehouse were struck and Mrs.
Mary Spain, a white woman and six
negroes were killed and two children
injured.

A dozen farming settlements in
Crittenden county and the town of
Clarkdale, Ark., were in the
storm's path, resulting in the death
of Payne Harrison, a white man and
eight negroes, in the collapse of a
store building. Reports indicated
that a score of persons were injured
in that vicinity.

Clarkdale Almost Wrecked.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 24.—The
storm swept through in a dozen
farming settlements in Crittenden
county, Ark., across the Mississippi
river, this city and apparently spent
its force on the village of Clarkdale,
where a brick store building, in
which approximately 50 negro farm
hands had taken refuge from the
storm, was wrecked.

Payne Harrison, clerk in the store
of Banks & Danner, the building
demolished at Clarkdale, was the
only white person known to have
been killed. Mrs. B. B. Baker,
whose home, six miles northwest of
Clarkdale, was torn from its founda-
tions, was seriously hurt.

Nearly all the known dead and
most seriously injured were caught
in the collapse of the Banks & Dan-
ner building. (CONTINUED ON PAGE SIX.)

FIRE HITS DES MOINES

Damage Passes \$500,000 Mark;
Bank Building Destroyed, but Fire-
men Keep It From Spreading

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 24.—
A Christmas eve fire caused damage
estimated at more than half a mil-
lion dollars here tonight, resulting
in the complete loss of the con-
tent of the Loan & Investment
Co.'s five-story building at Sixth and
Center streets.

The greatest loss was suffered by
the Western Life Insurance com-
pany, which occupied the top floor
of the building, suffered the loss
of valuable records.

For a time the fire threatened
the Bristol apartment house and the
Chamberlain Medicine company,
both buildings suffered small losses.
The origin of the fire, which started
on the third floor, is not known.

Kansan Among Colonels Who Will Be Promoted

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Twelve
colonels of the United States army
during the world war will be
recommended for promotion to the
rank of brigadier general of the re-
serve corps. It was announced at
the war department today.

Among the promotions are: Har-
old P. Howard, Leavenworth, Kan. It
was also announced Brig. Gen. Hen-
ry J. Kelly of the Illinois national
guard will be recommended for
appointment as brigadier general,
officers' reserve corps.

Fock Sends Christmas Greetings to Legion

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 24.—
Harold MacNider, national com-
mander of the American legion, re-
ceived the following Christmas mes-
sage from Marshal Fock:

"I join all the officers of my gen-
eral staff in thanking you for your
kind sentiments and in sending you
ours, the most sincere for you and
for the American Legion for whom
there is a deep regard."

Christmas Cheer Carried Into Many Homes Through The Empty Stocking Fund

There wasn't a morsel of food and
scarcely enough crumbs for a mouse
to nibble on, in many of the poor
homes where Christmas baskets rep-
resenting The World Empty Stock-
ing Fund were taken yesterday by the
Tulsa Humane society.

The unhappy inmates of hut and
hovel were made pathetically glad by sight
of the well stocked bushel baskets
and some broke into tears in trying
to express their thanks.

Over 1,500 children and 330 fam-
ilies were reached. The undivided
efforts of a considerable number of
helpers were required before the dis-
tribution of baskets was completed.
The Christmas messengers were boy
scouts and volunteer motorists. The
poor of Tulsa were not the only
ones reached, but also those in
West Tulsa, Sand Springs, Red Rock
and stations along the grand Springs
line. Checks for the amount of a
basket were sent to several needy
families in nearby towns which
could not be reached conveniently.

Fifteen baskets, for which those
who had tickets did not call yester-
day, will be distributed today.
Humane Agent A. N. Voth last
night voiced gratitude for the gener-
osity which made possible the pro-
viding of about 350 families in all
with Christmas cheer, thanking the
contributors to The World Empty
Stocking Fund and those who gave
their help yesterday.

In the 11 years of our service in
Tulsa, the humane society has never
encountered so much dire poverty
as during this winter, and never has
benevolence been so appreciated by
its beneficiaries," he said.

Other contributions to the fund
came in yesterday and will be put
to good use by the humane society,
as the number needing Christmas
baskets exceeded not only their lists
but their expectations.

As previously reported, \$2,139.75
Small Boys club 2.00
No. 104 2.00
Geo. Theron Hyatt, Jr. 2.50
A Friend 5.00
Kerr, Hubbard & Kelly 10.00
F. R. Miller, Lbr. Co. and
employee 10.00
Money Found, a friend 14.00
J. E. Swindler 5.00
Little Marjorie York 5.00
E. R. Hastings 5.00
Total \$2,197.25

RUSH TROOPS TO QUELL EGYPTIANS

Five Killed, 20 Hurt in
Skirmish Yesterday
Near Cairo

CAIRO IS NOW QUIET CLAIM IT IS POPULAR

London Break May Make
Another Ireland of
Egypt Situation

By Associated Press.
CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 24.—Disor-
ders in connection with the Egyptian
nationalists again broke out to-
day in Gizeh, a suburb of Cairo,
when a party of students raided the
government survey offices. British
troops were rushed from Cairo to
cope with the situation. The stu-
dents were ultimately ejected. The
lootings were given in the early re-
ports as five killed and 20 wounded.
Cairo itself remained quiet and
no disturbances from the provinces
were reported.

The authorities conveyed to Suez
today six followers of Said Zagloul
Pasha, the nationalist leader, forc-
ibly removed from the city yester-
day, whom Field Marshal Allenby,
the British high commissioner in
Egypt, had ordered expelled from
Cairo.

Expect Another Ireland.
The rupture of negotiations be-
tween the Egyptian delegation in
London and Lord Curzon, the British
secretary for foreign affairs,
late in November, is looked upon in
most quarters here as likely to
create another Ireland in Egypt.
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Only Opposition to It Is Be Found in Washington, Says Gooding

BY J. BART CAMPBELL.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—With or
without reservations, the four-power
Pacific treaty is certain of ratifica-
tion by a substantial two-thirds ma-
jority of the senate, it was stated
emphatically today by republican
senators closely associated with the
administration.

They were not in the least per-
turbed by the demand for reserva-
tions by senators other than the
"irreconcilables," they added, and it
is a majority of the senate considered
some reservations necessary to di-
spose all doubt as to the meaning and
purpose of the treaty they did not
think there would be any serious
objection to them.

Senator McLean, republican of
Connecticut, chairman of the senate
committee on banking and cur-
rency, said he did not consider the
question of reservations "mattered
at all," when considered in its "re-
lation to the basic purpose of the
treaty—the preservation of peace
and the maintenance of the
league of nations covenant with the
League reservations," Senator Mc-
Lean pointed out, "many other re-
servations." (CONTINUED ON PAGE EIGHTEEN)

The Christmas Spirit

By ROLFE POMEROY CRUM.

WELCOME the Feast of the Savior's birth! Whatever
our race or our creed, we always feel a certain ro-
mance about Christmas time. However base and world-
weary we may have become, there is always a thrill at
Christmas time. Whether young or old, we always ex-
perience a stirring of the blood at Christmas time. Rich
or poor, there is born in us the spirit of generosity at
Christmas time.

Then memories of our childhood come back to us. It
may have been our childhood was spent in circumstances
fairer or poorer than those in which we now live—it
makes no difference — those days seem immeasurably
happier. But I wonder sometimes if that feeling is not
mostly sentimental. Distance lends enchantment, and
our childhood hours seem happiest because we have for-
gotten the fears and griefs with which those hours were
overcast. The present is always the best, if we see
its opportunities. We can be just as joyous, just as
happy now in giving as we were then in receiving.

Let me tell you the secret of a merry Christmas. Not
to give or to do for those who have plenty, but to give
and do for those in real need; to find your happiness in
making others happy, especially the children. What is
Christmas without children? If you have none of your
own, seek out some poor family, the larger the better,
and become a Santa Claus for them. You will find you
get as much as you give.

But suppose you have nothing to give. Suppose this
is your hard luck year, as it is with so many. Have you
in reality nothing to give? You can give friendship; you
can give cheerfulness; you can give the power of an en-
couraging word. Have you ever had your day made hap-
pier by some one going out of his way to be kind to you?
Have you ever had your cloud turned to sunshine by a
smile? You can do the same for someone else. Make
the effort this Christmas. It will only take a little time
and trouble.

EASTERN CRIME WAVE SPREADING TO CENTRAL WEST

4 Killed; 6 Hurt When
Bandit Break Loose
About New York

CHICAGO SUFFERS, TOO

Robberies, Assaults, and Kid-
naping Among the Windy
City Outrages

MANY SUSPECTS ARE JAILED

Loot Obtained in East Small
Compared to That Taken
at Illinois Metropolis

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Instead of
a city of good will, New York be-
came a center of crime on Christmas
eve.

Police records showed that in the
last 24 hours four persons had been
killed and six injured in a series of
robberies and assaults in the city
proper and neighboring commu-
nities.

In two instances, however, bandits
fell into the clutches of the police
who asserted they had wrong con-
fessions from their prisoners.

The crime chart showed:
An armed man entered the Bronx
home of Carl Moller, jeweler, mor-
tally injuring him, and seriously
wounding his wife, Gertrude. A man
giving the name of Alric Weeding
was captured after a block's chase
by a motor truck driver, who alleged
he had seen him running from the
Moller home. Moller identified
Weeding before he died, according to
the police, who declared the prisoner
had confessed.

Dead Bandit Had Long Record.
The police closed the case of two
holdup men who last night raided a
United Cigar store in the Bronx
and wounded two detectives. One
bandit shot dead today was identi-
fied as Nelson Levy, with a long
record.

Joseph Katz, drove up this morn-
ing to a hospital in Englewood, N. J.,
and reported he had been shot by
bandits. He was detained on
suspicion that he was the other band-
it who had participated in the Bronx
robbery and who had been seen
shot. Captain Wines of the Bronx
detective force declared this after-
noon that he had been identified and
that he had confessed taking part
in 17 other robberies in most cases
involving United Cigar stores.

The police were still searching
for the holdup men who shot Leon
Scott last night in his Bronx saloon
last night, while in New Jersey, a posse
was looking for a man, held responsi-
ble for the brutal murder of a
young woman in a New Brunswick
hotel.

The assailants of Philip
Honeywood, member of a titled
English family, also were still at
large.

Five robbers entered the Brooklyn
office of Capt. Gilbert C. Wright,
treasurer of the Lighter Captains
union, and at the point of a gun,
robbed his safe of \$20 and took
\$104 from a union member who en-
tered the office to pay his dues. The
thieves then escaped.

Three armed men robbed Nathan
Backman, a Brooklyn merchant, of
\$275, while Francis Tollen reported
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ICEBOX ROBBERS BUSY

Admiral Boulevard Grocer Locked In
Refuge, as Three Hijackers
Who Rob Him of \$600

Two hijackers locked Morris
Foenberg, owner of the Morris
grocery and meat market, located
at 1541 East 42nd street, in an icebox
at about 7:30 last night and made
away with \$600 in cash and two
small checks totaling about seven
hundred dollars.

The hijackers were described as
being a big tall man and a little
short man, and the last seen of
them they were going north on Tren-
ton. This description compares with
the two men who were out earlier in
the week, and fit the descriptions
sent broadcast as the Mutt and Jeff
duet.

Soviet Government Is Facing a Big Deficit

BIGA, Dec. 24.—The soviet gov-
ernment will face a deficit of 255,
000,000 gold rubles (approximately
\$117,500,000) during the first nine
months of 1922, according to ad-
vice from Moscow today.

The soviet has just made public
the budget for the first nine months
of 1922, showing revenues of 1,775,
000,000 gold rubles against expendi-
tures of 1,877,000,000 gold rubles.
The figures do not reveal how
it will make the deficit.

Jeweler Murdered by Bandit Posing as Buyer

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A bandit,
posing as a buyer of jewelry, shot
and killed Carl Moller, 34, a jeweler,
and perhaps mortally wounded
his wife in the Moller home in the
Bronx today.

The bandit was arrested after a
chase. He gave his name as Alric
Weeding and said he was a security
salesman. When he left the
Moller home, he took \$10,000 worth
of jewelry.

Solomon's Law Again Invoked Over Children

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 24.
Citing as his authority the de-
cision of King Solomon, as re-
corded in chapter 2, first book of
Kings, Judge James C. Hume, of
district supreme court here today
said that the mother has first
claim upon her own children and
that Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leiske,
of Sheldon, Iowa, are entitled to
know the whereabouts of their
three boys for whom the guardians
were found by the Iowa children's
home. In 1916 charges of neglect
were filed against the parents and
a court ordered the children
placed in the custody of the
home. Now the parents are able
to care for the children and want
them back but the home authori-
ties have refused to tell their
whereabouts.

Judge Hume held that under
the circumstances the home had
no legal authority to put the chil-
dren out for adoption.

DEBS WILL NOT TALK TILL FREE

Atlanta Prison Doors Are
Ready to Open for the
Noted Socialist

WILL HASTEN HOME

Gompers Commends Action
of Harding in Cutting
Prisoner's Term

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 24.—Eugene
V. Debs was formally informed to-
day that his 10-year sentence had
been commuted by President Har-
ding, and received the news calmly,
withholding any comment he might
want to make until he is actually
outside the walls of the Atlanta
federal penitentiary.

Debs' release is in accordance with
the terms of a parole agreement
made at the time of his arrest. The
hour of release had not been re-
ceived at the prison tonight, but
following ordinary procedure, the so-
cialist leader would be allowed to
leave tomorrow at any time suitable
to him.

All arrangements for departure for
his home in Terre Haute, Ind., for a
Christmas reunion with his wife
and family have been made by Theo-
dore Debs, brother of the prisoner,
and David Karsten, a socialist lead-
er of New York, both of whom have
been here for several days. His
plans for the future are to be